

[Sri P. Kakkan] [9th November 1965]

September 1965. There was no rain at all in Arkonam taluk during October 1965. As regards the paddy crops in Arkonam taluk, in some places the young crops have withered and where there were wells, the ryots have managed to raise the crops successfully. About 30 to 40 per cent of the paddy may survive. About 40 per cent of the ryots do not seem to have made any preparation for raising the long term crops and they are awaiting rain. Some standing crops which have been raised in anticipation are likely to fail. But there is every possibility for the ryots to raise at least one crop before the close of the Fasli with the aid of the source water. It is too early to say anything about the condition of crops in this taluk. The Collector has ordered an intensive azhimaish of the entire district.

2. The oil engine hiring scheme was discontinued in 1961. No oil engines are now available with the Agriculture Department for hiring to Agriculturists. The Government are sanctioning loans liberally for the purchase of oil engines and electric motor pumpsets by the ryots. A sum of Rs. 9.4 lakhs for North Arcot district and a sum of Rs. 3.1 lakhs for Chingleput have been allotted for the year 1965-66 for the supply of pumpsets. An allotment of Rs. 17 lakhs for North Arcot district and Rs. 5.09 lakhs for Chingleput have been made for sanction of loans under the New Well Subsidy Scheme. As regards the hiring of boring sets 6 H.B. sets and 2 power drills in North Arcot district and 36 H.B. sets and 3 power drills in Chingleput district are available with the respective Assistant Agricultural Engineers for allotment to ryots. The hire charges collected for handboring sets and power drills are very low compared to their actual working cost. The Government also sanction loans up to a maximum of Rs. 8,000 towards the sinking of bore wells. Ten per cent of the loan amount subject to a maximum of Rs. 500 will be treated as subsidy. It is hoped that the ryots will avail the loan facilities offered towards the sinking of new wells, borewells and installation of pumpsets and provide irrigation facilities to their lands as a permanent measure.

III. "GOVERNMENT" BILLS.

THE GLANDERS AND FARCY (MADRAS AMENDMENT) BILL, 1965.

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : Sir, I move for leave to introduce the Gladders and Farcy (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1965.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

"That leave be granted for the introduction of the Gladders and Farcy (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1965."

The motion was put and carried, and leave was granted

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : Sir, I introduce the Bill.

MR. SPEAKER : The Bill is introduced.